

Anti-Slavery Office,
New York, 24 Aug., 1861.

Dear May,

It is quite useless for me to guess at the number of persons on our subscription list, ^{to whom} the circular should not be sent. As I do not mail the paper, nor even look at the books once a year I hardly know more about ^{the subscribers} it than you do.

Burdened as I am, ^{with} the labors of my own department, I touch the business relations of the paper only when I must, and then with great reluctance. I know this, however, that the number of our subscribers of whom I have

personal knowledge as to their circumstances or peculiar feelings is very small. You will remember that it is twenty years since I travelled as an agent, and that during nearly all this time I have been absorbed by editorial cares, having only the most casual intercourse with such of our friends as I ~~see~~^{have seen} at all. I was astonished myself the other day, while looking over our ~~subscription~~^{books} list to make the list of names I sent you, to find how few was the number of our readers with whom I had any acquaintance. I think you need not hesitate to send the circular to any of

our readers; at any rate, my knowledge is too limited to enable me to make intelligent discrimination.

A part⁽⁷⁴⁾ of the Pa. subscribers ~~674~~ receive their papers by mail direct from this office; but 425 copies go to the Phil. office in bulk. If you will send the circulars for the first class here, William Leonard can direct them from our books.

The whole number of subscribers and of those who receive the paper ^(inclusive of the Budget) gratuitously is 2778.

Yours, truly,

Oliver Johnson.

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